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City of Tuscaloosa's, Environmental Services Offering Proper Flag Retirement

The City of Tuscaloosa's Environmental Services Department will begin collecting tattered American flags for proper retirement. Citizens with an old or unusable American Flag may place the flag in a clear plastic bag and leave it on top of their garbage cart or inside of their curbside recycling container on the day of their pick up.

Environmental Services will collect the flags and transport them to the Boy Scout's Black Warrior Council. The worn, tattered flags and otherwise unserviceable flags will then be respectfully destroyed in one of their semi-annual flag retirement ceremonies. The preferred method for properly retiring worn flags under Federal law is burning and the flags will be placed on a ceremonial pyre and set ablaze.

"We're very pleased to provide our citizens with an opportunity to dispose of these flags, many of which they have proudly flown over their homes or businesses for many years," said Mayor Walt Maddox. "We're also grateful to the Boy Scouts of America's Black Warrior Council for the service they provide for one of our nation's most valued symbols."

Citizens can call 3-1-1 or the City's Environmental Services Department at 248-4900 to have a bag mailed to them at no charge. In addition to pickup by Environmental Services Crews, flags may continue to be dropped off at all Tuscaloosa Fire Departments or the Environmental Services Department at 3440 Kauloosa Avenue.

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